

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 14, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1865

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

February 20, 2004

An act to amend Sections 1631 and 1632 of, to amend and renumber Section 1632.5 of, and to repeal Sections 1633 and 1633.5 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1865, as amended, Aanestad. Dentists: licensing: examinations.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensing and regulation of dentists and associated professions by the Dental Board of California. Existing law requires an applicant for a license to practice dentistry to pass a written examination on subjects prescribed by the board, and to also pass a clinical examination.

~~This bill would authorize the board to contract with a national, regional, or local entity to administer the clinical examination~~ *require an applicant for a license to practice dentistry to complete various examinations, including a nationally administered written examination, an examination in California law and ethics developed by the board, and a clinical and written examination administered either by the board or the Western Regional Examining Board.* The bill would make other related changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1631 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1631. The subjects in which the applicant shall be examined shall be those subjects as the board may from time to time prescribe. However, the subjects of examination shall be selected in accordance with the trend of dental education in California as that trend is determined, from time to time by the curricula of the dental colleges in California approved by the Dental Board of California, and no examination shall be given on any subject which is not then, at the time of the determination, being currently taught in those approved dental colleges. In the event of any changes in the list of examination subjects, all approved dental schools in the United States shall be notified, by the executive officer of the board, at least two years in advance of the effective date of any change or changes in subjects. Each applicant, at the time of filing of application to take any examination hereunder, shall be given a list of the subjects of the examination for which he or she is making application.

SEC. 2. Section 1632 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1632. (a) The board shall require each applicant to successfully complete the *written examinations of the National Board of Dental Examiners' written examination Examinations of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.*

~~(b) Each applicant shall be required to give clinical demonstrations of his or her skill in restorative and endodontic procedures and assessment and diagnosis in periodontics. The applicant shall also give written demonstrations of his or her skill and judgment in prosthetic dentistry. The examination may include an examination in California law and ethics.~~

~~(c) The board is authorized to contract with a national, regional, or local entity to administer the clinical examination required by subdivision (b) consistent with the requirements of this article.~~

(b) The board shall require each applicant to successfully complete an examination in California law and ethics developed and administered by the board.

(c) The board shall require each applicant to have taken and received a passing score on one of the following:

1 *(1) A clinical and written examination developed and*
2 *administered by the board.*

3 *(2) A clinical and written examination administered by the*
4 *Western Regional Examining Board, which board shall determine*
5 *the passing score for that examination.*

6 SEC. 3. Section 1632.5 of the Business and Professions Code
7 is amended and renumbered to read:

8 1633. (a) When an applicant for a license has received a
9 grading of 85 percent or above in any given subject, he or she shall
10 be exempt from reexamination on that subject in subsequent
11 examinations before the board within two years after the
12 examination on which the applicant received the exemption.

13 (b) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant who fails to pass
14 the examination required by Section 1632 after three attempts
15 shall not be eligible for further reexamination until the applicant
16 has successfully completed a minimum of 50 hours of education
17 for each subject which the applicant failed in the applicant's last
18 unsuccessful examination. The coursework shall be taken at a
19 dental school approved by either the Commission on Dental
20 Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the
21 board, and shall be completed within a period of one year from the
22 date of notification of the applicant's third failure.

23 (c) The coursework described in subdivision (b) shall be
24 required once for every three unsuccessful examination attempts.
25 When the applicant applies for reexamination, he or she shall
26 furnish proof satisfactory to the board that he or she has
27 successfully completed the requirements of this section.

28 SEC. 4. Section 1633 of the Business and Professions Code
29 is repealed.

30 SEC. 5. Section 1633.5 of the Business and Professions Code
31 is repealed.